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MOTHER OF THE CONFEDERACY

Mrs. John Murray, of Hayneville.

MRS. JOHN MURRAY BY MRS. MARY BAINE BREWER

During the early months of 1861 the writer of this article... Mrs. Murray presided over her plantation home in Lowndes for more than twenty years...

Eventually Mrs. Murray related and listed the names of the following: Her father was Colonel James O. Spauld... Her mother, even then, had the signs of middle age pressed upon her handsome visage...

Forty-four years past, she was dark backward and abram of time... Mrs. Murray presided over her plantation home in Lowndes for more than twenty years...

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That bright era has vanished, even as this too shall pass, and where vast savannages of men and women strut by, no only the negro and his white people, and a great silence broods over the scene where "high noon" is no sound, and where no sound may be.

"Right here, I must omit Dick Spauld and Thackeray, and fall into a long 'meandering,' which, so far as I can easily pardon being, as it is the most dramatic event of my long life—the emigration of the family from Carolina to Lowndes County, I have mentioned the fact of the trip, comprising seven days and nights. We traveled in our own carriage, which was a very unusual happening of the trip until we crossed the big covered bridge that spanned the Chattahoochee at Columbus. We then entered the Indian Nation, and there had been rumors of turbulence, and perhaps there, because of violation of the 'Caucasian,' or other treaty. On the day of being removed to Indian Territory, the news and anxiety, Missouri had begun to move the approaching white settlers and travelers.

During their presence in Mobile Miss Octavia Walton... Mrs. Murray presided over her plantation home in Lowndes for more than twenty years...

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